



★ THE Georgia Wine Country Festival

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Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

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Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Greetings Commissioners!

This year marks the 15th Anniversary of Three Sisters Vineyards' signature event- The Georgia Wine Country Festival. We would like to again request a letter of permission for "Outside Georgia Wineries" to come and participate as in all previous years. We are making this request early so we can get on folk's calendars.

Three Sisters continues to receive positive feedback about holding the festival every weekend in June and we will continue this investment of time and entertainment in 2016. Past experience shows this type of celebration brings more business to Lumpkin County with the flexible extended schedule. And perhaps catch those visitors who have told us they miss the event because of traditional vacations or graduation activities that coincide with our previous first weekend (only) in June.

In requesting a local letter this year, we ask it to include the dates June 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th and 25th and 26th so visiting Georgia Grown Wineries can attach it to apply for the necessary state permit based on their desired dates of participation. Festival hours for every weekend will be 11am-5pm on Saturdays and 12:30pm-5pm on Sundays. Each participating bonded winery will still be responsible for paying sales tax to the State and the local excise tax on tasting samples and sales directly to Lumpkin County.

Thank you for helping us continue to make The Georgia Wine Country Festival a successful event over the past years. It continues to be a major tourism driver to Lumpkin County, attracting tens of thousands of wine lovers and visitors each June.

Cheers,

Doug Paul

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